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(*d*) The Government have recently examined the question of the help to be rendered to local bodies in connexion with the putting down of borings for the improvement of drinking water-supply and a copy of the orders[a] issued on the subject is laid on the table.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. Minister for Public Health, in view of the fact that drinking water is very scarce in my district . . ."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is argumentative."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" The answer to clause (*a*) is that under existing orders the health inspectors should inspect all sites selected for the sinking of new wells and should approve of them. In view of the urgency of the matter, may I ask whether the hon. Minister will ask the district health officer to give him the whole scheme for the drinking water-supply of the district and carry out the experiments through the local boards as early as possible ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The local boards have to undertake the scheme for the supply of drinking water and no delay will be caused by the health staff."

Repairs to the well at Sindigeri village, Bellary taluk.

* 638 *Q.*—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the one well used for taking drinking water in the village of Sindigeri, Bellary taluk, is in a dilapidated condition and, if so, what action has been taken to repair it ; and

(*b*) whether a bull fell into the well a year ago and, if so, what action was taken to see that such accidents do not recur ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know whether the Government made any effort to get this information ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" No."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" Will they now make some effort ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The Government thought that the hon. Member might get the information by addressing the taluk board president. Of course if the hon. Member finds it impossible to get the information that way, the Government will make enquiries and get the information."

Promotion of first-class vaccinators as health inspectors.

* 639 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur S. K. ABDUL RAZACK SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many first-class vaccinators were promoted as health inspectors on probation after April last ; and

(*b*) how many of them belong to the several communities ?

A.—(*a*) Twenty-one.

(*b*) Fourteen are Brahmans and seven are non-Brahmans.

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 121–122 infra.